

# Cover Sheet: Request 15614

## Modification for FAR (FLL-Arabic Major)

### Info

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### Actions

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## Responses

### Major Name

*Enter the name of the major. Example: "Mathematical Modeling"*

Response:

Foreign Languages and Literatures-Arabic Specialization

### Major Code

*Enter the two-letter or three-letter major code.*

Response:

FAR

### Degree Program Name

*Enter the name of the degree program in which the major is offered.*

Response:

Bachelor of Arts

### Undergraduate Innovation Academy Program

*Is this an undergraduate program in the Innovation Academy?*

Response:

No

### Effective Term

*Enter the term (semester and year) that the curriculum change would be effective.*

Response:

Earliest Available

### Effective Year

Response:

Earliest Available

### Current Curriculum for Major

Response:

Required Foundation Coursework

ARA 1130 Beginning Arabic 1 5

ARA 1131 Beginning Arabic 2 5

ARA 2220 Intermediate Arabic 1 4

ARA 2221 Intermediate Arabic 2 4

Required Core Coursework

Advanced Language and Culture

ARA 3410 Advanced Arabic 1 3

ARA 3411 Advanced Arabic 2 3

ARA 4400 Fourth Year Arabic 1 3

ARA 4420 Arabic through the Texts 3

Advanced Elective Coursework

Select 12 credits: 12

ABT 3130

Arabic Literary Heritage 1

ABT 3500

Arabic Culture

ABT 4131

The Qur'an as Literature

ARA 3241

Spoken Arabic

ARA 3510

The Arab Woman

ARA 4401

Fourth Year Arabic 2

ARA 4822

Arabic Sociolinguistics

ARA 4850

Structure of Standard Arabic

ARA 4905

Individual Study (3 credits max.)

ARA 4930

Special Topics

Critical Concentration

Select nine credits from one area: 1 9

Intensive Area Studies: Arabic Studies 2

Comparative Cultural Studies

Film and Visual Culture

Literary Studies

Medieval and Early Modern Studies

Total Credits 51

### Proposed Curriculum Changes

*Describe the proposed changes to the curriculum. If the change is to offer the program through UF Online, please explain and attach a letter of support from the Director of UF Online.*

Response:

1) Move ARA 4400 - Fourth Year Arabic 1 from Advanced Language Courses to Advanced Elective Coursework. The latter becomes 15 credits instead of 12.

2) Modify Critical Tracking so that Tracking for the major starts in semester 3 instead of semester 1.

3) Adjust Model Semester Plan so that ARA 4400 is no longer listed as an independently required

course but is grouped with Advanced Electives.  
See attached Word document with Track Changes.

### **UF Online Curriculum Change**

*Will this curriculum change be applied to a UF online program as well?*

Response:  
No

### **Pedagogical Rationale/Justification**

*Describe the rationale for the proposed changes to the curriculum.*

Response:

The FAR major currently requires students to take 8 language courses, 7 of which must be taken consecutively. This has come to mean that students must enroll in Arabic in their first semester (Freshman) in order to remain on track and graduate on time. By moving the last course in the sequence, ARA 4400, to the Advanced Electives tier, students who enroll in their Sophomore year have the chance to complete the major in 6 semesters. Also, transfer students may complete the major by enrolling in summer language courses, on campus or during study abroad.

If these minor adjustments are approved, FAR will be comparable to FCH (FLL-Chinese) and FJA (FLL-Japanese):

[https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/FCH\\_BA/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/FCH_BA/)

[https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/FJA\\_BA/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/FJA_BA/)

### **Impact on Enrollment, Retention, Graduation**

*Describe any potential impact of the curriculum changes on students who are currently in the major.*

Response:

The change will likely increase enrollment and retention by allowing students to complete the major in 6 semesters instead of 7 or 8. Most students consider adding the major as a second major in their Sophomore year. For this group, the major is only feasible if they do a summer study abroad. Not all students can afford study abroad. The change will remove this hurdle.

The change will allow students take 27 credits of language courses instead of 30. At the same time, students who opt for this option will take 24 credits of content courses instead of 21.

### **Assessment Data Review**

*Describe the Student Learning Outcome and/or program goal data that was reviewed to support the proposed changes.*

Response:

There is no effect on Student Learning Outcomes. By moving ARA 4400 to Advanced Electives, we allow students to graduate with 27 credits of language instead of 30. By earning 27 credits, students can still be assessed for SLO4 (Display oral and written proficiency in language(s) of specialization.) and meet expectations.

In terms of data, the Arabic Program looked at the number of students majoring in FAR as well as the number of students majoring in two Foreign Languages and Literatures specializations of comparable difficulty: FCH (Chinese) and FJP (Japanese). Currently, FAR has 5 students, while FCH and FJP have 14 and 29 respectively. These numbers have been persistent over the last three years. Of course there may be other factors contributing to this number, but we do know two things: First, both FCH and FJP are possible for students to complete in six semesters. Second,

data from the International Studies Major are revealing; the number of students who are majoring in International Studies with focus on the Middle East and North Africa is comparable to the number of students in the same major with focus on East Asia (about 40 in each). Our hope is that by making the sequence of courses more realistic to students, enrollment in our major will go up,

**Academic Learning Compact and Academic Assessment Plan**

*Describe the modifications to the Academic Learning Compact (for undergraduate programs) and Academic Assessment Plan that result from the proposed change.*

Response:

There is no change for the Academic Learning Compact or Academic Assessment Plan

**Catalog Copy**

*Submitter agrees to prepare and upload document showing the catalog copy with the current and proposed curricula edited using the "track changes" feature in Word.*

Response:

Yes

# ARABIC

## MAJOR

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## FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The Arabic language is the key to understanding the culture and history of North Africa, the Middle East, and the Arabian Peninsula. Arabic is also the liturgical language of more than a billion Muslims, and it is one of the six official languages of the United Nations. The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major enables students to develop an appreciation for the complexity of the many facets of the Arab world: its society, culture, history, arts, religions, and literary heritage.

### ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

- **College:** [Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Arts
- **Credits for Degree:** 120
- **[More Info](#)**  
*To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.*

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The B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures (FLL) provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of a specific language (or languages) and advanced familiarity with the cultural practices and traditions associated with the language(s) of specialization. The major in FLL

enhances critical thinking and communication skills and provides students with a cross-cultural understanding of our contemporary world. The program allows students the flexibility to explore a single or dual language specialization as well as the opportunity to study culture through interdisciplinary fields of critical concentration, such as Comparative Cultural Studies, Film and Visual Culture, Intensive Area Studies, Literary Studies, and Medieval and Early Modern Studies. A major in FLL offers an excellent basis for a variety of careers, including graduate study in an area of foreign language and culture and/or in the humanities and social sciences, as well as careers in education, international development, diplomacy and government, national security, communications, law, journalism, arts and culture, publishing, and global business. Participation in UF study-abroad programs or a UF approved program is highly encouraged.

The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major provides students with a solid background in the linguistic, literary, and cultural aspects of the Arab World, including North Africa, the Arab Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula. The major gives students a foundation in the Arabic language, including speaking, reading, writing, and listening, as well as the opportunity to advance their knowledge of Arab cultures. It prepares students for graduate school and is ideal for students considering careers in government and diplomacy, academia, business, and international development. Many students choose to double major in the Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major and another subject in social sciences, humanities, business, or journalism.

## COURSEWORK FOR THE MAJOR

The Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major consists of preparatory language study at the lower division (1000 and 2000 level), and 33 hours of advanced language, theory, and culture study in the upper division (3000 level and above).

*All coursework for the major must be completed with minimum grades of C.*

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Foundation Coursework</b>		
<a href="#">ARA 1130</a>	Beginning Arabic 1	5
<a href="#">ARA 1131</a>	Beginning Arabic 2	5
<a href="#">ARA 2220</a>	Intermediate Arabic 1	4
<a href="#">ARA 2221</a>	Intermediate Arabic 2	4

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Coursework</b>		
<i>Advanced Language and Culture</i>		
<a href="#">ARA 3410</a>	Advanced Arabic 1	3
<a href="#">ARA 3411</a>	Advanced Arabic 2	3
<del><a href="#">ARA 4400</a></del>	<del>Fourth Year Arabic 1</del>	<del>3</del>
<a href="#">ARA 4420</a>	Arabic through the Texts	3
<i>Advanced Elective Coursework</i>		
Select <del>15</del> credits:		15
<a href="#">ABT 3130</a>	Arabic Literary Heritage 1	
<a href="#">ABT 3500</a>	Arabic Culture	
<a href="#">ABT 4131</a>	The Qur'an as Literature	
<a href="#">ARA 3241</a>	Spoken Arabic	
<a href="#">ARA 3510</a>	The Arab Woman	
<del><a href="#">ARA 4400</a></del>	<del><a href="#">Fourth Year Arabic 1</a></del>	
<a href="#">ARA 4401</a>	Fourth Year Arabic 2	
<a href="#">ARA 4822</a>	Arabic Sociolinguistics	
<a href="#">ARA 4850</a>	Structure of Standard Arabic	

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Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">ARA 4905</a>	Individual Study (3 credits max.)	
<a href="#">ARA 4930</a>	Special Topics	
<b><i>Critical Concentration</i></b>		
Select nine credits from one area: <sup>1</sup>		9
Intensive Area Studies: Arabic Studies <sup>2</sup>		
Comparative Cultural Studies		
Film and Visual Culture		
Literary Studies		
Medieval and Early Modern Studies		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>51</b>
<b>Course List</b>		
<sup>1</sup> Although courses may appear in more than one group they may be counted toward only one group.		
<sup>2</sup> Recommended for those planning to pursue careers requiring advanced level skills in Arabic or graduate work in Arabic studies.		

## OVERSEAS STUDY

Students of the Arabic specialization of the Foreign Languages and Literatures major are encouraged to study abroad for a summer or a semester. Students may choose the nine-week summer UF-sponsored program in the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF) in Morocco. The program offers students the opportunity to earn 11 credit hours (only 6 may be transferred as part of the Required Foundation Coursework).

[More info](#)

Students may also choose another UF-approved study-abroad program in Morocco or another Arab country (e.g., in Jordan, Qatar).

## PLACEMENT

In all languages, students with either a native background in the language or prior study in that language might be eligible to place out of the preparatory language courses and should meet with the undergraduate coordinator to arrange for placement assessment.

## RESEARCH

Students with an upper-division GPA of 3.5 are encouraged to write a thesis for high or highest honors at graduation.

### Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree

Requirements: [Structure of a CLAS Degree](#).

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida [Common Course Prerequisites](#) may be used for transfer students.

## SEMESTER 1

- ~~Complete [ARA 1130](#) or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 2

- ~~Complete [ARA 1131](#) or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 3

- ~~Complete [ARA 1130](#) or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~
- ~~Complete [ARA 2220](#) or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~

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- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 4

- ~~Complete ARA 1131 or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~
- ~~Complete ARA 2221 or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical tracking GPA~~
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 5

- ~~Complete ARA 2220 or higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA~~
- ~~Complete ARA 3410 or a higher-level Arabic Language course with a minimum grade of C and a 2.5 critical tracking GPA~~
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 6

- ~~Complete ARA 2221 or higher-level Arabic Language course~~
- ~~Complete ARA 3411 or a higher-level Arabic language course~~
- Complete 2 Advanced Electives
- 2.0 UF GPA required

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## SEMESTER 7

- ~~Complete ARA 3410~~
- ~~Complete ARA 4400~~
- Complete Advanced Elective
- Complete 1 Critical Concentration course
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## SEMESTER 8

- ~~Complete ARA 3411~~
- Completed ~~ARA 4420~~
- Complete 2 Advanced Electives
- Complete 2 Critical Concentration courses
- 2.0 UF GPA required

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### Model Semester Plan

<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARA 1130 Beginning Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	5
<u>State Core Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences</u>	3
<u>State Core Gen Ed Composition</u> ; Writing Requirement	3
<u>State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences</u>	3
Credits	14

<b>Semester Two</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARA 1131 Beginning Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	5
Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)	3
Science Laboratory (Gen Ed Biological or Physical Sciences)	1
<u>State Core Gen Ed Mathematics</u>	3
Gen Ed Physical Sciences	3
Credits	15

<b>Semester Three</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARA 2220 Intermediate Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	4
<u>State Core Gen Ed Humanities</u>	3
Gen Ed Mathematics	3
Gen Ed Biological or Physical Science (area NOT taken in semester 1)*	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences*	3
Credits	16

\*One of these courses must be a UF Quest 2 Course

<b>Semester Four</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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ARA 2221 Intermediate Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	4
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences and Diversity	3
Electives (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
Credits	16

**Semester Five Credits**

ARA 3410 Advanced Arabic 1 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Gen Ed Biological Science	3
Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement	3
Critical Concentration course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)	3
Credits	15

**Semester Six Credits**

ARA 3411 Advanced Arabic 2 ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3
Advanced elective ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> ; in the major)	3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
Electives	5
Credits	14

**Semester Seven Credits**

<del>ARA 4400 Fourth Year Arabic 1 (<b>Critical Tracking</b>)</del>	<del>3</del>
<del>Gen Ed Humanities and International</del>	
Critical Concentration course ( <b>Critical Tracking</b> )	3

Advanced electives <b>(Critical Tracking; in the major)</b>	<del>36</del>
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	3
Elective <i>or</i> Senior thesis option	3
Credits	15

<b>Semester Eight</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ARA 4420 Arabic through the Texts <b>(Critical Tracking)</b>	3
Critical Concentration course <b>(Critical Tracking)</b>	3
Elective (3000 level or above, not in major)	6
Elective	3
Credits	15
Total Credits	120

## CRITICAL CONCENTRATION COURSES

### 9 Credits from One Concentration

*Although courses may appear in more than one group they may be counted toward only one group*

#### Intensive Area Studies: Arabic

<a href="#">ABT 3130</a>	Arabic Literary Heritage 1	3
<a href="#">ABT 3500</a>	Arabic Culture	3
<a href="#">ABT 4131</a>	The Qur'an as Literature	3
<a href="#">ARA 3241</a>	Spoken Arabic	3

<a href="#">ARA 3510</a>	The Arab Woman	3
<a href="#">ARA 4400</a>	<a href="#">Fourth Year Arabic 1</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
<a href="#">ARA 4401</a>	Fourth Year Arabic 2	3
<a href="#">ARA 4822</a>	Arabic Sociolinguistics	3
<a href="#">ARA 4850</a>	Structure of Standard Arabic	3
<a href="#">ARA 4905</a>	Individual Study (maximum 3 credits)	1-5
<a href="#">ARA 4930</a>	Special Topics	3